

William S. Hart Union High School District

REGISTRATION VACCINATION ALERT

As your child approaches 7th grade registration it is important for you to be aware of the new state laws concerning vaccination requirements.

How does Senate Bill 277 change requirements for Vaccinations and School Registration?

As of January 1, 2016, parents or guardians of students in any school or childcare facility, whether public or private, will no longer be allowed to submit a personal or religious belief exemption for a currently required vaccine. In order to register for 7th grade, students will need to present verification that they have met all vaccination requirements. Previously signed waivers are not carried over from 6th grade to 7th grade.

What vaccinations are required?

Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis (DTaP, DTP, DT, Tdap, or Td) 4 doses ok if at least one dosage was given on or after the fourth birthday (3 doses OK if one dose of Tdap, DTaP, or DTP was given on or after the 7th birthday).

Polio (OPV or IPV) 4 doses (3 doses OK if one was given on or after 4th birthday)

NEW Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR), 2 doses required by 7th grade. Both dosages must be on or after the first birthday.

NEW Hepatitis B, 3 doses at admission or transfer into 7th grade.

NEW Varicella (chickenpox) 2 doses by 7th grade entry.

Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis (Tdap) 1 dose at 7th grade or 1 dose on or after the 7th birthday).

Are there any exemptions from the new vaccination requirements?

NEW A student may be declared medically exempt only if a parent submits a written statement from a licensed **California** physician M.D. (Medical Doctor) or DO (Doctor of Osteopath). No other health care provider notes will be accepted for exemptions. The statement must describe how the child's physical condition or medical circumstance necessitates that an immunization is not required. The note must also indicate which vaccines are being exempted, whether the medical exemption is permanent or temporary, and the expiration date (if the exemption is temporary). Temporary medical exemptions may be issued for no more than 12 months.

What about "Conditional Enrollment?"

Students who are up-to-date on their current immunizations at registration, but who will need more dosages at a later date, will be "conditionally enrolled". Students who will need additional dosages to be administered at a later date will be closely monitored for compliance.

Where can I go to complete vaccination requirements?

Resources for obtaining immunizations are located on the www.hartdistrict.org website under "Departments" then go to "Health Services."

STUDENTS WHO CANNOT DEMONSTRATE COMPLIANCE WITH IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO REGISTER AS 7th GRADERS IN THE WILLIAM S. HART UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT.